

Sunday Headlines

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March 4, 2018

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 3 individuals elected to our Board of Directors at Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting:



Donna Hays
(reelected)

Annie Smith
(new)

Tina Sherrard
(new)

Renew Yourself this Spring!

Join Pastors Vivian and David for a weekend prayer retreat, April 6–8. Registration must be received by March 18. Information packets are available at the Welcome Desk or complete the response form to be contacted with more details.



Make A Difference! Be Involved.

If you would like to get more involved in the life of our church, consider making a once-a-month service commitment. Your service will strengthen God's work through our church, plus you'll meet more people!

Right now, the following ministry teams could really use some additional volunteers:

- **Altar Care Team:** Prepares the altar for communion service.
- **Communion Team:** Pray for people at communion or simply hold the elements.
- **Usher/Greeter Team:** Welcome people at the door, collect offering, direct traffic during communion.
- **Sunday School:** Teach our kids, register kids at the door, or be a teacher's assistant.
- **Nursery Caregiver:** Care for the smallest of our children.
- **Cleaning Crew:** Spend a couple hours cleaning an area of the church once a month.

If one of these service teams calls to you, complete the response form on the back page of today's bulletin. We'll get in touch to share more info, so you can decide if it's a good fit for you.

New Family Life Minister

In December we launched a national search for a Family Life Minister, with the goal of hiring someone whose highest passion is to minister to our children, youth, and families—and who has the skill, experience, spirituality, and character to lead and grow our children, youth, and family ministries. This is a brand new position at LifeJourney. Previously our children, youth, and family ministries were part of a position that included many other unrelated responsibilities. We believe the time is right to have a position that focuses exclusively on children, youth, and parents.

Our job posting was published in early December on multiple national church websites, with MCC, and with about 8 seminaries and Christian colleges. Those postings were renewed in January for an additional 30 days. During that time, we received 47 requests for application materials. Thirteen of those individuals submitted full applications. After careful review, extensive interviews, reference checks, and a lot of prayer, we have found an absolutely awesome person to fill this new role.

Chris Edwards' first Sunday at LifeJourney will be April 1—Easter Sunday! Here is a quick summary of why we're so excited about Chris:



Professional Experience

- 18 years of exceptional experience ministering to children, youth, and parents in diverse roles.
- Family Life Minister at two prior churches with thriving children, youth, and family programs.
- Gifted at developing curriculum for children, youth, and parents.
- Has successfully managed large teams and programs with positive cultures.
- Served as a Social Worker III in North Carolina, classified as a Qualified Mental Health Professional and Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional.
- Recruited, trained, and mentored foster care parents for a Christian foster care agency.
- Guided programs for at-risk youth with learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and addictions.
- Served several years as a YMCA Camp Director and a lead teacher for preschoolers.
- Certified in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, Clinical First Aid, and taught Crisis Prevention to parents and youth workers as an Advanced Instructor with the Crisis Prevention Institute.

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Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

Overcoming Obstacles; Creating New Realities

Key Verse:

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.” *Romans 8:2*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *Mighty to Save*
Because of Who You Are

Affirmation

Connection Moment

Offering Invitation

Song: *Chain Breaker*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *And Now My Lifesong Sings*

Prayer

Scripture: *Romans 8:1-4, 33-35, 37*

Sermon: *Living By the Law of*
The Spirit of Life
Jason Powell, Worship Arts Minister

Communion (9:30 Service in Room 9, 11:00 Service in Sanctuary)

Closing Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Closing & Benediction

Sermon Notes:

Webcast Reminder: The morning services are recorded for our webcast; crowd shots are included. To improve the quality of those shots, we'd like to fill the center section of seating.

If you prefer not to be on camera, just sit in the back half of the left section.



Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: I am learning to live life by the laws of the Spirit. I am filled with the Spirit of Life. At every turn, the Spirit of Life guides me. I'm illuminated by the Spirit of Life on this path of creating new realities and overcoming obstacles. Christ Jesus guides me. Whatever I face, I am content in knowing that God has prepared the way before me. God has made the path smooth and beautiful before me. There is none to condemn me when Christ has freed me. Therefore, I am empowered to walk in faith, hope, love, peace, security, joy, victory, and strength! Thank you Spirit of God in me! Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

Proclamation of our Faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here now, and Christ will come again. Alleluia!

Distribution of the Elements

If this is your first time with us: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion (or simply observe). You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family. Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. **Gluten free** communion wafers are now available, upon request for those with dietary restrictions.

Decision Form:

If you feel moved to respond in a tangible way.

- I am making a decision to become a follower of Jesus, or I want to rededicate myself to that decision.
- I have questions about spiritual things and would like to talk to someone.
- Other: _____

One of our pastoral staff would be happy to make an appointment to talk with you about your spiritual life and what steps might come next – but only if you wish.

- I would like to schedule a time to talk.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place this form in the basket at the Welcome Center.

Oasis Meeting Times...

- Oasis groups are small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer. This is a great way to make connections!
- Groups are open to everyone and meet evenings at 7:00 pm in various locations. (Crossed out exceptions noted below and on the calendar.)
- No registration is required. If you're new, it's suggested you contact the church office to ensure times/locations have not changed due to special events or unforeseen circumstances.

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton.
New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.
- TUE:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.
Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.
- WED:** F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis, Room 7.
- THU:** Broad Ripple Oasis, 2525 Dell Zell Dr., Indianapolis.
Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6.



Oasis Location Map

The Week Ahead...

Today

- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
- 11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
- 11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)
- 2:00 pm Monthly Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Monday

- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6

Tuesday

- 6:00 pm PFLAG (Open Meeting), Cafe
- 7:00 pm Global Outreach Board (Open Meeting), Room 8

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Big Book AA Meeting, Room 8
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday

- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Discipleship 101 (Registration Required), Room 7
- 7:00 pm Grief Share, Room 8

Friday

- 7:00 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
- 8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7

Saturday

- 8:00 am Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center

See the new and improved events calendar at:
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	114
11:00 am Service Attendance	191
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	103
General Offering: Last Week	\$7,535
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,479
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$9,704

* When giving meets our budget goal, we are able to fully fund our ministries. When giving falls short, cuts are made to avoid deficit spending.

Text your giving amount

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David Zier, Pastor
Jason Powell,
Worship Arts Minister
Jeff Miner, Pastor
Spencer James,
Operations Minister
Vivian Ampy, Pastor



Euchre Tournament

March 16 at 7:00 pm

\$5 per Seat
(Only 9 seats left.)

Music • Food • Prizes

Think you got Euchre skills? Let's see your tricks!

GIVE UP YOUR PANTS

for the Lenten Season

Still trying to decide what to sacrifice this Lent? Well consider donating a pair of your pants—our two or three. Your small sacrifice will directly benefit the homeless in Indianapolis.

All sizes of men and women pants are in short supply, please donate.



Spring Family Kick Off!

LifeJourney Church is planning the *Spring Family Kick Off!* after church on Sunday April 8—to give our parents, guardians, teachers, children, and youth a chance to meeting our New Family Life Minister. The festivities will include a light luncheon, balloon sculpting, bounce house, crafts, and games. To make all that happen, we need to assemble a team of volunteers to plan and execute the event. Could you be part of the team? If so, please fill out the response form in today's bulletin and Team Lead, Lynne Kaminski, will be in touch!



Yes! I'd like to respond to these articles:

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Spring Prayer Retreat Info
- Make A Difference (circle items below):

Altar Care • Communion • Usher/Greeter

Sunday School • Nursery Caregiver • Cleaning Crew

- LJC Spring Family Kick Off! Volunteer
- Pendleton Oasis

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the Welcome Center.

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Education

- Master's in Theological Studies.
- Bachelor's in Ministry.
- Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician.

Personal Background

- 38 years old, currently living in North Carolina.
- Married 6 years to his wife Jill.
- Father of a 17-year old step daughter that he raised from birth.
- He became a follower of Jesus as a teenager.
- Since then he has had an eclectic church background that includes: United Church of Christ, Christian Missionary Alliance, Vineyard, Celtic, Full Gospel, and nondenominational churches.
- Strong sense of calling to child, youth, and family ministry as his highest career goal, not a stepping stone to something else.
- Has visited our church over two weekends and is very passionate about our calling to be a church that is centered on Jesus and the Scriptures, celebrates diversity, and welcomes all people. He comes from a UCC church with LGBT leadership and a focus on diversity and inclusion.
- Hobbies include Aikido (defensive martial arts), cello, biking, and a St. Bernard named Deojee.

Those who know Chris well describe him as someone who is gentle and warm, builds deep relationships with children and parents, has a great work ethic, and always goes above and beyond. His current supervising pastor, Rev. Sarah Wilcox, described him as having a warm "teddy bear" personality. Chris' foster agency supervisor describes him as "the best trainer of parents I've ever seen."

Chris has a vision and passion for working holistically with our families. He says, "I really enjoy creating programs that help families to live and talk about their faith in the home setting as well as at church. I believe it is important for the family to walk out their faith together instead of in isolation. I enjoy loving on families and helping them work through things together."

Chris is excited about helping LifeJourney create an intentional strategy for how to support and grow the souls of our children from cradle to graduation, and weave that together with equipping and supporting our parents. We can't wait till Chris begins on April 1—Easter Sunday morning!

THIS MONDAY Pendleton Oasis

Pendleton Oasis begins tomorrow at 7 pm at 9479 W Campfire Dr, Pendleton. If you live in the areas of Fishers, Anderson, Noblesville, or Pendleton, this just might be your Oasis. Please complete the form and let us know you are interested in being part of this Oasis.